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1. BECAUSE OF THE GOF PROBLEM WITH ITS OWN REFUGEES
FROM INDOCHINA, WE SHALL NOT UNTIL AFTERNOON OF MAY 7
SEE THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL, CLAUDE CHAYET, DIRECTOR OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENTIONS AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO HANOI. WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE
ABLE TO ANSWER MOST OF DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONS, AT LEAST
APPROXIMATELY.

2. RECENT TELEGRAMS AND MAY 5 AP REPORT OF INTERVIEW
WITH L. DEAN BROWN PROVIDE SOME USEFUL INFORMATION CON-
CERNING THE SHAPE OF THE EVOLVING U.S. REFUGEE PROGRAM.
HOWEVER, IF POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
HAVE CLARIFICATION OF AT LEAST SOME OF THE FOLLOWING
POINTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE
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WITH CHAYET. (A) ARE FUNDS BEING REQUESTED UNDER THE

SPECIAL LEGISLATION (\$507 MILLION) FOR VIETNAMESE ONLY OR ALSO FOR CAMBODIANS? (B) WILL SOME OF U.S. FUNDS BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN THIRD COUNTRIES? FRANCE IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES TO WHICH INDOCHINESE WILL COME IF THERE ARE FUNDS FOR RESETTLEMENT, FUNDS WHICH THE GOF WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY. (C) WHEN CAN WE EXPECT UNHCR AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO BE NOTIFIED THAT THEY CAN BEGIN TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS FRANCE? UNHCR AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HERE ARE STILL WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND UNHCR OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS APPEAR TO INDICATE EXCLUSIVE INTEREST IN REFUGEES WITHIN SVN AND CAMBODIA (VIENTIANE 2942). (D) IS A CATEGORIZATION BEING WORKED OUT FOR CAMBODIANS SIMILAR TO THE FOUR CATEGORIES OF VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCED BY L. DEAN BROWN? (FOR EXAMPLE REF E). (E) WILL VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN STUDENTS ABROAD (SUCH AS IN FRANCE) BE IN "CATEGORY 4" ALONG WITH DIPLOMATS? (F) CAN WE EXPECT SOON INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED TO GET TO FRANCE VIETNAMESE EVACUATED BY THE U.S. (REF C)?
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